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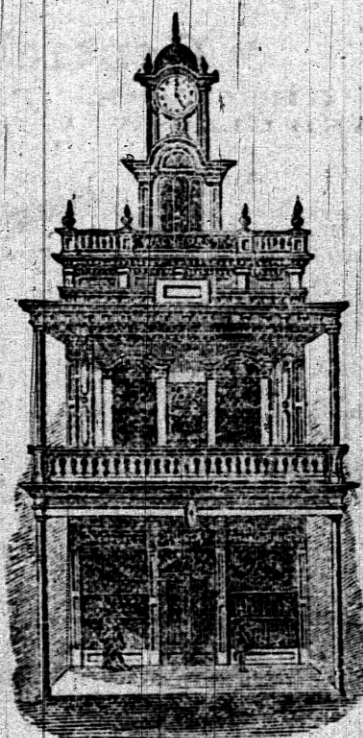
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What a Prisoner Made.

Solitude seems to be the mother of ingenuity and invention—as the proverb says necessity is. Most penitentiaries employ their prisoners in steady work, and wisely, too, for few confined men would make so good use of lonely cell life, as the convict here mentioned did of his scant play-time.

There is at present confined in the Maine State Prison, at Thomaston, a young French Canadian, who is incarcerated for the murder of a woman. During his leisure hours, with nothing but a pocket and shoe knife, a file and whetstone, this prisoner has manufactured a clock which keeps accurate time, and which is a great mechanical curiosity.

It has a rooster on top who flaps his wings on the hour being reached. There are also figures showing the day of the week and month. Underneath is a glass case, three feet high, and two feet wide, containing two hundred and forty-five figures of men, birds, animals, etc. These objects go through various performances, as small springs are touched, and a music box plays tunes at the same time. A mouse is made to run out from its hiding-place and is quickly caught by a cat. A beggar approaches a man for money, is impudent, and after a tussle is knocked down.

A snake glides stealthily over the floor, and at the door a sentinel stands with a small tin cup in his hand, who takes off his hat and politely bows when coin is dropped into his cup. Among the objects are full companies of infantry and cavalry, which come out and go through the manual of arms very finely. The clock is exhibited by the prisoner while in his cell, and many are the odd dimes he receives from visitors.

The Portland Transcript, after relating the above, says, at the present time, another convict in the same institution is making a very handsome doll-house, with four rooms, the furniture all being in miniature style. One set is trimmed with red satin, and another with blue. It is intended as a present for the lady who has played the prison chapel organ for several years.

SENSIBLE WOMEN.—An American lady of fashion was traveling in Europe, and happened to arrive in Florence without her luggage.

Her friend, the Minister, asked her to dinner to meet a grand lady of the Court. "But I have no dresses," said the lady; "one plain black silk is all I can possibly achieve."

"Oh!" said he "that's all right, I will explain to those ladies whom you are to meet."

When the lady went to the dinner, which was very elegant, all the men were in dress coats, cravats, ribbons, white ties, and the paraphernalia of masculine full dress. She was astonished to see all the ladies asplainly dressed as herself. The Minister having explained her dilemma to them they were all plainly dressed too.

They were women who generally wore at dinners jewels of fabulous value, and always considered it derogatory to wear neck and arms bare and to cover themselves with lace.

But it was both real and conventional etiquette for them to thus meet the American lady who had not her toilettes with her. Although she regretted not seeing their splendid dresses, she could not but be touched by this act. They knew that she was a person of consideration at home and they treated her to the best and kindest in their power by dressing so plainly that she did not feel her black silk to be a blot upon the dinner. —American Queen.

Rev. Henry Ward Beecher some time since received a letter from a young man, who recommended himself very highly as being honest, and closed with the request, "Get me an easy situation, that honesty may be rewarded." To which Mr. Beecher replied: "Don't be an editor, if you would be 'easy.' Do not try the law. Avoid school keeping. Keep out of the pulpit. Let alone all ships, stores, shops and merchandise. Abhor politics. Keep away from lawyers. Don't practice medicine. Be not a farmer nor a mechanic; neither a soldier nor a sailor. Don't study. Don't think. Don't work. None of them are easy. O, my honest friend, you are in a very hard world! I know of but one real 'easy' place in it. That is the grave."

When General Hancock was asked for his opinion on "the labor question," by a delegation of workmen, he politely declined a response, but gave him a letter of introduction to Chairman Barnum. The General has heard from the workmen at Pittsburg an answer that he can understand. Dignity is a good thing, but a fellow can be too all-fired dignified for health. —Inter-Ocean.

By the way, there is a fashion in ages as in all things else. It is not "modish" to be too young. The fashionable age just now is from twenty-four to thirty. Sweet seventeen is, for the present, out of the running.

"What did the Puritans come to this country for?" said a Massachusetts teacher of his class. "To worship in their own way and make other people do the same," was the reply.

FRENCH FARMING.—French farmers work unceasingly. They are not rapid workers, but they are always at it. This industry is accomplished by extreme frugality. Their clothing is of the simplest and most primitive form and material, and the French housewives or mothers seem to have carried the art of patching clothing to the highest pitch of perfection. In some specimens I have seen it would be difficult to say with certainty which was the original piece, or distinguished from the patches. They spend but little in furnishing and almost nothing in the ornamentation of their homes. They live also in the most frugal way. It has been said that two Scotchmen would live where one Englishman would starve. Be that as it may, it is probable that three Frenchmen could live on an allowance all too small for the most frugal Scotchman. This fact seems to solve the problem how it happens that a populous country like France, with an average production per acre less than England, can yet export breadstuffs. The producers consume so much less. Small farming seems the rule of the country, one man tilling his own land with the help of his wife and children.

BRIEFER SPELLING.—Browne's Photographic Monthly says that the adoption of phonetic spelling would make a saving of seventeen per cent, or about one-sixth in every department of paper and book making and general writing. To the writer the gain would be equal to one hour and twenty minutes a day of eight hours, or four hundred hours in a year of three hundred days, or one thousand such days in twenty years. The New York Daily Tribune would cost \$8-a year instead of \$10; the Independent would contain six pages more of matter without increase of cost; a book now costing \$5 would be sold for \$4 1/2; the investor of \$200 in books would save \$33 33; the eye of the reader would have one-sixth less work to do in a given amount of reading. The saving to all departments of English literature, it is estimated by careful observers, would reach the enormous sum of \$600,000,000 yearly. Why not cast out the silent letters and spell as we speak?—Home Journal.

A LIVELY YOUTH.—A Cambridge "mother sent her small boy into the country and after a week of anxiety has received this letter: "I got here all right and I forgot to write before; it is a very nice place to have fun. A feller and I went out in a boat and the boat tipped over and a man got me out and I was so full of water I didn't know nothin' for a long while. The other boy has got to be buried after they find him. His mother came from Chelsea and she cries all the time. A boss kicked me over and I have got to have some money to pay a doctor for fixin' my head. We are going to set an old barn on fire tonight, and I should smile if we don't have bully fun. I lost my watch and I am very sorry. I shall bring home some mud turtles and I shall bring home a tame woodchuck if I can get em in my trunk."

The New York Commercial states that "it is rather a curious fact that girls seldom marry men belonging to their father's profession. There are exceptions, of course, but such we believe to be the general rule. The farmers daughter fancies a city life, the city girl a country life, a soldier's daughter—Gen. Sherman's for example—affects the Navy, a sailor's the Army. You seldom find that a minister's daughter very marries a minister, or a doctor's a doctor. Editor's daughters, of course, know better than to marry editors, and a hotel keeper's daughter generally waits a little."

The Chinese skill in dwarfing plants is well known. The Chinese ladies wear in their bosoms little dwarf artrees, which, by a carefully adjusted system of starvation, have been reduced to the size of button-hole flowers. These remain fresh and evergreen in their dwarf state for a number of years, just as fir trees in mountains are evergreen, and thus are excellent symbols of perpetuity of love, to express which they are used by the ladies of the highest rank in the Celestial Empire.—Harpers Bazaar.

A West Point correspondent says that "a civilian who dares to cast a look at a girl engaged in conversation with a cadet is at once rebuked by a glance of the stern kind, and told in words not expressed, but understood, that he is nothing but a contemptible citizen, a thousand of whom she can have at her feet at a beck or a nod, but her cadet, with a help of prospective military glory about his head, is not to be easily duped."

"Not one American woman in twenty-five can walk five miles," says an English physician, and an exchange remarks: See here, Doc., you just show an American woman a street five miles long, with bonnet stores every ten rods, and see if she can't walk the whole distance.

A medical authority says: "Laughter is one of the greatest helps to digestion, and the custom of our forefathers of exciting it at the table by jesters and buffoons was founded on true medical principles."

A Brooklyn mother fed her year-old baby on sliced cucumbers and milk, and then wanted the prayers of the church because the Lord took it away.

